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REMARKS

In the Ex Parte Quayle Office Action mailed February 2, 2006, the Examiner noted that claims 1-26 are pending in the application, that the application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, and that prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with practice under Ex parte Quayle. In particular, the Examiner has objected to amended claims 10-18 and 23 as adding new matter

Applicants thank the Examiner for allowing claims 1-9, 19-22, 24 and 25. To expedite issuance of this application, Claims 10-18 and 23 are cancelled without prejudice.

CONCLUSION

Thus, the Applicants submit that all claims now pending are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, both reconsideration of this application and its swift passage to issuance are earnestly solicited.

If, however, the Examiner believes that there are any unresolved issues requiring the maintenance of any formal objection in accordance with Ex parte Quayle, it is requested that the Examiner telephone Mr. Raymond R. Moser, Jr., Esq. at (732) 935-7100 so that appropriate arrangements can be made for resolving such issues as expeditiously as possible.

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